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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/972,995

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For: SIGNAL DIFFERENCE
CORRECTION OF PICTURE
SIGNALS READ FROM
MULTIPLE READOUT TYPE
IMAGE SENSING DEVICE

Examiner: Unassigned

Group Art Unit: 2851

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENT

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
6-141246	Japan	May 20, 1994

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/515,667	February 29, 2000	2851

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

REMARKS

The JP '246 reference is cited at page 6 of the specification, and is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. An English translation of the Japanese document is not presently available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract for the JP '246 reference obtained from a commercial database also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration. Further, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0022858 A1, listed as being in the same patent family, also is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

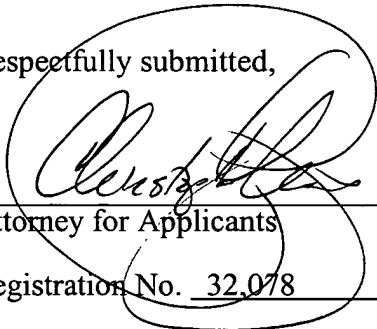
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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